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To: Field Managers, Elko, Winnemucca, Carson City, Battle Mountain
Field Manager, Surprise/Eagle Lake, California

From: Deputy State Director, Resources, Lands and Planning

Subject: Developing a Statewide Approach to the California National Historic Trail DD: 5/10/02

The Elko Field Office (FO) recently presented an interpretive plan for the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, to be situated near the Hunter Exit along Interstate Highway 80. At the same time, plans are developing for interpretation of related trail segments within the Black Rock-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA). These events create a timely opportunity for BLM to consider an integrated, statewide vision for presenting the California National Historic Trail to the public within Nevada, including those portions between the Elko FO area and the NCA, and elsewhere in the State.

This memo is intended to reach BLM's cultural resources and recreation staff persons in the field office areas of Carson City, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, and Elko in Nevada, as well as the Surprise/Eagle Lake offices in California. This is a call for (1) agenda items to be considered and (2) potential dates in June 2002 when we could convene for a day to discuss the agenda and begin to make a plan for the future. A meeting location has not been decided, but would certainly affect travel planning and arrangements; the Winnemucca FO is centrally located and houses the NCA staff, so that might be an ideal choice.

An initial list of potential agenda items includes:

- summaries by Elko FO and NCA of their levels of effort so far;
- other stakeholders and/or potential partners such as trails organizations, Indian tribes, etc.;
- molding an image of the California National Historic Trail in Nevada;
- means of presenting the California National Historic Trail to the public.

Please share this message with anyone who you believe should have received it but did not. Please consider who would be the most appropriate person(s) to attend and develop a calendar of available dates accordingly. Please send your proposed agenda items, list of potential attendees and their dates of availability to Tom Burke, Trails Contact Person, BLM, Nevada State Office (e-mail: t1burke@nv.blm.gov, telephone: 775/861-6415) no later than May 10, 2002.

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